

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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I am very concerned about the public health reports we are receiving relative to outbreaks of hepatitis A among homeless people in the Downtown area. The series in the Los Angeles Times highlighting the plight of homeless individuals and families drives home the point further still that there are grievous threats to the health and well-being of anyone who lives and works in those areas. I am also concerned about the health of the County employees that are in the area providing services everyday, and I think it is our responsibility to ensure that steps are taken to protect their health while they are performing this critical public service.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, that the Department of Health Services, in coordination with the Departments of Public Social Services, Mental Health and Children and Family Services:

- Work to ensure availability of all appropriate health and medical services to mitigate the threat of hepatitis A outbreaks on Skid Row;

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- Ensure that procedures are in place for County staff to follow if exposed to hepatitis A, or in a situation where there is a high risk of contracting hepatitis A; and,
- Report back on this issue as part of the overall action plan being prepared to further assist families and individuals on Skid Row.

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